In the claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip forming a slideway for a motor vehicle window of a motor vehicle to slide therein, said motor vehicle having a frame forming a window opening, the weatherstrip comprising at least one reinforced clip ~~of channel section with~~having a web ~~and~~ connecting two jaws that are substantially parallel to each other[[,]] to form a channel ~~and~~ suitable for engaging on a flange of ~~the~~ said frame forming ~~of~~ a window opening in the vehicle, wherein ~~the~~ said reinforced clip ~~of the strip~~ is made of a rigid thermoplastic material~~,~~ and ~~wherein the~~ comprises one or more reinforcing elements ~~means of the clip~~ ~~are~~ situated ~~either~~ solely in ~~the~~ at least one of said jaws, or solely in ~~the~~ said web of the clip, or ~~else they are situated~~ solely in one of ~~the~~ said jaws and also in ~~the~~ said web of the clip.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) A top segment of a weatherstrip according to claim 1~~,~~ ~~constituting the top segment of a slideway, and~~ wherein ~~the~~ said reinforcing ~~means~~ elements are situated solely in one of the jaws of ~~the~~ said clip and extend substantially parallel to ~~the~~ said flange, and/or in ~~the~~ said web of ~~the~~ said clip.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A vertical segment of a weatherstrip according to claim 1~~, constituting a vertical segment of a slideway, and~~ wherein ~~the~~ said reinforcing ~~means~~ elements are situated solely in the web of the clip and extend substantially perpendicularly to ~~the~~ said flange.

Claim 4. (Cancelled)

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A top segment of a weatherstrip according to claim 2, wherein the reinforcing ~~means~~ elements comprise a single element ~~in the form of~~comprising a metal strength member that is substantially plane or corrugated.

Claim 6. (original) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, further comprising at least one retaining abutment for opposing removal of the clip when mounted on the flange.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ said retaining abutment is situated on one of ~~the two~~said jaws of ~~the~~ said clip, extending towards the ~~inside~~ other of said jaws of ~~the~~ said clip and being suitable for coming into contact with a projection from ~~the~~ said flange.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein the flange for supporting ~~the~~ said clip is constituted by at least one piece of sheet metal, and wherein ~~the strip~~said weatherstrip further comprises at least one clearance accommodating lip for controlling the positioning of ~~the~~ said clip on the flange as a function of the sheet metal clearances thereof, and wherein ~~the~~ said clearance-accommodating lip is positioned at ~~the~~ a root portion of one of the jaws of the clip or at the web of the clip.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, also comprising two substantially parallel branches extending perpendicularly to ~~the~~ said flange, ~~the~~ roots of ~~the~~ said two branches being connected towards respective ~~ones of the two~~ ends of one of ~~the~~ said jaws of ~~the~~ said clip and the branches being fitted with sealing lips suitable for coming into sliding contact with ~~the sliding pane~~said motor vehicle window.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, presenting a reduction of material thickness in the vicinity of ~~the~~ a root of one or both of said branches, said reduction forming a hinge for preventing the branch from buckling.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, wherein the branches are made of a thermoplastic material having a bending modulus that is much smaller than that of ~~the~~ said rigid thermoplastic material used for ~~the~~ said clip.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, wherein both of said branches are made of a thermoplastic elastomer material.

Claim 13. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ said sealing ~~lip~~ lips carried by the two branches are made of a flexible thermoplastic material.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A weatherstrip according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said rigid thermoplastic material ~~clip is made of or based on~~ comprises polypropylene.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A slideway for a motor vehicle window to slide therein, the slideway comprising a top segment and at least one vertical segment, wherein each of said segments comprises a reinforced clip of channel section with a web connecting two jaws substantially parallel to each other to form a channel suitable for engaging on a flange of a frame forming a window opening in the vehicle, wherein said reinforced clip is made of a rigid thermoplastic material, said top segment comprises reinforcing means ~~that are are~~ situated solely in one of the jaws of ~~the~~ said clip and ~~extend~~ extending substantially parallel to the flange, and/or in the web of the clip, and wherein said at least one vertical segment has reinforcing means that are situated solely in the web of the clip and extend substantially perpendicularly to the flange.

Claim 16. (original) A motor vehicle window slideway comprising a top segment and at least one vertical segment, wherein the top segment is constituted by a weatherstrip according to claim 2, and wherein said vertical segment is constituted by a weatherstrip that is not reinforced.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) A slideway for a motor vehicle window according to claim 15~~, wherein said slideway is~~configured to be of the hidden frame type.

Claim 18. (Originally presented) A motor vehicle window slideway, forming a single-flange type slideway made from a weatherstrip according to claim 1.